

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The February meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Morris at 7:34 p.m. Also present were Mr. Carey, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. Kymer (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Ms. Miller, and Mr. Ramiza, Commissioners, Council Liaison Weber, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Parker, Green Team member, was also in attendance. Mr. Nerney, Mr. Walsh, and Ms. Zurlini were absent.

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, public notice of the meeting was published in *The Record* on December 16, 2017 and in *The Ridgewood News* on December 22, 2017 and posted in the Municipal Building.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Ms. Miller swore in Mr. Greenberg. Ms. Zurlini still must be sworn in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Parker shared the \$95,000 grant award letter for the Blauvelt Avenue area bikepath from January 23, 2009. Councilman Weber responded that the governing body decided not to pursue that bikepath project and the grant was not acted upon.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Ramiza, seconded by Mr. Carey, the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were accepted as received.

DEVELOPMENTS/SITE PLANS

Mr. Carey asked whether plans for Treehouse Pediatric had been received for environmental review. No plans had been received. He reviewed the procedure which occurs before a plan is ready for the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment to hear the details of a project. Mr. Carey indicated that applicants should adhere to the land use law, borough ordinances, and the Master Plan. Mrs. Dey noted that the environmental questionnaire should be filled out by those applicants which assists in the environmental review of a project. The questionnaire is available on the borough website. Mr. Carey will check with the secretary of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment, Mrs. Lupo, regarding that questionnaire. He will be the squeaky wheel to get plans to the Environmental Commission in a timely fashion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes-

Board of Adjustment-November 29, 2017, December 20, 2017

Planning Board-January 2, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

KONICA MINOLTA

Mr. Nerney handled this project for the Environmental Commission. Mr. Carey had alerted the Commission about this project after the January meeting. Mr. Nerney's letter, dated February 6, 2018, was received by the Planning Board in time for their meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. His recommendation that the project's traffic impact should be ascertained was discussed by the Planning Board which approved the project.

RAMSEY AUTO GROUP d/b/a RAMSEY INFINITI, 535 AND 555 ROUTE 17S, BLOCK 1501, LOTS 5, 6

Ms. Kymer handled this project for the Environmental Commission. Other than an unfinished response to the question regarding the proposed route for the soil movement, she found no environmental concerns. The letter, noting that the project has been reviewed by the Environmental Commission with no environmental concerns, will be forwarded to the Planning Board which has approved the project.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE MUNICIPAL POOL

The Environmental Commission's letter regarding this project was sent to the Planning Board on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. A new survey and wetlands delineation is being done. Mr. Agnoli, the engineer who is handling the DEP application, has submitted documentation on behalf of the borough. An official topographical map of the pool property will be available soon. There was no further update.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY/SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

Mrs. Dey received an e-mail from Holly Falcone, indicating that the school district will be pursuing Sustainable Schools certification. Ms. Miller shared a newspaper article about Leonia (*Leonia schools get \$10,000 for sustainability initiative*) which will be forwarded to Ms. Falcone.

GREEN TEAM/BASECAMP

There were no new appointments to the Green Team at the borough's reorganization meeting. Mr. Carey noted that Mayor Dillon would like him to serve on the Green Team. Mrs. Dey reported that a Bergen County Sustainable Jersey hub, called Basecamp, has been formed. She joined the group as Ramsey's representative.

BIKEPATH PROJECT/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Carey will reach out to the Planning Board's traffic expert regarding repairs and improvements on the current bikepath segments. A list will be compiled and submitted to the governing body. It was noted that there are numerous sources for grants, including PSE&G, ANJEC, and Sustainable Jersey.

MASTER PLAN

Mr. Carey provided a Master Plan update. He will keep the Environmental Commission informed about any scheduled meetings. The Environmental Resource Inventory is part of the Master Plan and should be updated. The Environmental Commission's budget may be used to pay for that update.

BAG IT

The Recycling Committee will be sponsoring another showing of "Bag It" on Tuesday, April 24th, rescheduled from Thursday, November 9th.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Weber reported that the 2018 budget contains a slight increase.

Two new police officers have been hired.

A \$22,500 Open Space grant has been received for work at Finch Park.

Darlington Avenue will be paved in the spring. Perhaps a bike lane could be pursued again prior to the paving.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Morris welcomed Mr. Greenberg to the Environmental Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kymer shared information about PaintCare, a program for post-consumer paint management.

Mr. Carey noted that St. Paul's has established an Environment Committee and is seeking input from the Environmental Commission.

Mrs. Dey completed the paperwork for the annual submission of ten points for the borough's stormwater education and also put the 2017 Annual Report on the borough's website.

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, with a raindate of Sunday, April 22nd. Mr. Morris had e-mailed the checklist to the Commissioners and assignments were updated. Mr. Ramiza will handle the Environmental Commission's Facebook page.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEWS

Board of Health

Mr. Weber reported that the Board of Health sponsored a program at the library about Ramsey's water, presented by Mike Skorupa, as part of their lecture series.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Ramiza moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Greenberg, and passed.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

General

- Attendance/Roll Call
- Swear in Ms. Zurlini

Public Comment

Discussion/Approval of Minutes

- February 13th meeting

Developments/Site Plans

Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business

- Chick-fil-A (Miller letter)
- Senior/Community Center at the pool
- Sustainable Jersey/Sustainable Schools
- Green Team/Basecamp
- Bikepath project/grant opportunities
- Master Plan
- “Bag It”-Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m., at the library-cancelled
- Annual Clean-Up, Saturday, April 21st

Report of the Council Liaison

Commissioner Comments

New Business

Committee/Commission Reviews (Commissioner assignments)

- Board of Adjustment-(Miller)
- Board of Health-(Kymer)
- Board of Public Works-(Nerney)
- Design Review Board-(Ramiza)
- Planning Board-January 16, 2018 (Carey)
- Shade Tree Commission-(Morris)

Adjournment